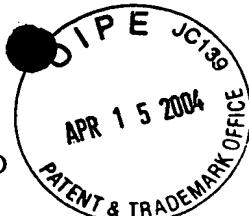


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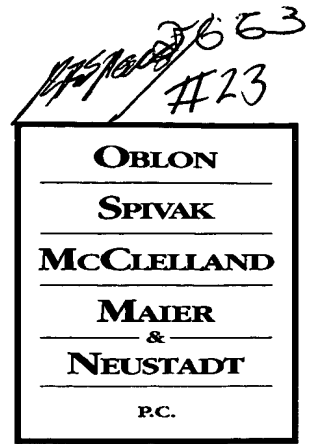
The following remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed January 16, 2004.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 12-15 are presently active in this case, no claims amended by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, -9 and 12-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over "MPEG-4: An Object-based Multimedia Coding Standard supporting Mobile Applications" by Puri et al. in view of "Adaptive Use of Error-Correcting Codes for Real-time Communication in Wireless Networks" by Elaoud et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5, 825,430 to Adolph et al.



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